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Does
THE SARGASSO
SEA EXIST? AND
DOES THIS LEGENDARY
GRAVEYARD OF ANCIENT
SHIPS CONTAIN A DREAD,
EERIE SECRET TOO TERRI-
BLE FOR THE MIND OF MAN
TO ENCOMPASS? THRILL TO
A STORY THAT DARES TO
TELL ALL...
"THE DERELICT
FLEET!"

THE OCTOPUS...FOLLOWING
---HER BIDDING!

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YOU KNOW ME FOR
WHAT I AM?



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THE DERELICT FLEET!



IT WAS VACATION TIME--TWO HAPPY YOUNG LOVERS STROLLED ARM-IN-ARM ALONG A TROPICAL BEACH--

HOW GHOSTLY THAT SAILBOAT LOOKS IN THE LIGHT OF THE FULL MOON, JOYCE!

IT SEEMS TO BE COMING IN, WALTER! LET'S GET A CLOSER LOOK AT IT!

AVAST THERE, ME HEARTIES! WHY BE LANDLUBBERS WHEN YE CAN GO FOR A ROMANTIC SAIL? CLIMB ABOARD!

HE'S A REAL CHARACTER--PIRATE CLOTHES AND EVERYTHING, JUST TO IMPRESS TOURISTS! PROBABLY CHARGE US PLENTY, BUT LET'S GO ANYWAY!

SWIFTLY THE LAND DROPPED AWAY BEHIND THEM--A COLD, MOANING WIND AROSE--

JOYCE, DARLING, YOU'RE SHIVERING! TAKE MY COAT!

IT--IT'S NOT JUST THE WIND, WALTER! SUDDENLY--I'M AFRAID!

DON'T WORRY, LASS--I KNOW ME WAY! ISN'T IT THE SAME COURSE I SAILED JUST 200 YEARS AGO THIS VERY NIGHT?

WALTER! HE SAID... 200 YEARS AGO! IF... IF IT'S A JOKE, THEN HOW COME THE WIND'S DIED AWAY... AND YET THE BOAT'S SKIMMING ALONG AS IF UNSEEN HANDS ARE BEARING IT!

THAT'S RIGHT... AND THOSE FLOATING WEEDS GATHERING AEL AROUND US! ... YOU... BOATMAN... WHERE ARE YOU TAKING US?

NO-NO! DON'T TELL ME YE'VE NEVER HEARD OF THE SARGASSO SEA!

SURE... I CAN TELL FROM YER FACES THAT YE KNOW ABOUT IT! BUT DO YE KNOW ABOUT THE ANCIENT HULKS STILL AFLOAT THERE... AFLOAT BECAUSE THE VERY DEPTHS SPURNED THEIR EVIL CREWS? YE'LL SEE 'EM... AN' YE'LL SEE SOMETHIN' ELSE...

... THE SEA HAG! SHE RULES HERE... AND IT'S A HANDSOME FEE SHE'S WILLIN' TO PAY FOR THE LIVIN' SOULS SHE SUBSISTS ON!

YOU MEAN YOU'D ... SACRIFICE US TO YOUR GREED?

AYE! DIDN'T SHE TAKE MY SOUL... AND DON'T I HAVE TO BUY IT BACK FROM HER EVERY TWO HUNDRED YEARS WITH MORTAL FLESH? BESIDES, SHE PAYS OFF IN PIRATE GOLD... AND WHAT BUCCANEER CAN RESIST THAT?

WELL, YOU'RE NOT GETTING US, YOU CREEP! STAND BACK, OR I'LL...

YOU'LL WHAT, ME BUCKO? THIS OLD FLINTLOCK IS STILL REAL ENOUGH TO BLOW A HOLE THROUGH HER!

NO, WALTER... HE'D DO IT! AND THAT... THAT'S WHERE HE'S TAKING US!

IT'S A... DERELICT FLEET!

CLAMBER ABOARD, YOU TWO, AND MEET THE SEA HAG! HO-HO... I CAN SEE ME PROMISED LOOT WAITIN' FER ME NOW!



ON SECOND THOUGHT, MEBBE THE PRICE'D BE HIGHER IF I BROUGHT YE TO HER SEPARATELY! YOU WAIT HERE --- I'LL TAKE THE GIRL TO HER FIRST!

NO... NO! DON'T LET HIM SEPARATE US!



HELP!
THERE'S NOTHIN' HE CAN DO TO STOP ME, LASS! AND IT'S NO USE STRUGGLIN'--- NOT WHEN YE'LL BE THE SEA HAG'S SLAVES FOREVER!



FOREVER'S A LONG TIME... WHICH MEANS I CAN'T LOSE ANYTHING BY PUTTING UP A FIGHT!... DROP HER, YOU!



DIDN'T I TELL YE TO STAY THERE?

POW!

UGH!

AN UNCONSCIOUS MAN... MENACED ON BOTH SIDES BY DEADLY DANGERS...

WHY SHOULDN'T WE BRING HIM TO THE SEA HAG... AND CLAIM THE REWARD SHE'LL PAY?

THEN WE'LL HAVE TO DO IT QUICKLY! LOOK... ALREADY THE MONSTERS O' THE DEEP SEEK TO CHEAT US OF OUR VICTIM! WE'VE GOT TO DRIVE 'EM BACK!

EVIL SPECTERS OF THE PAST... ARRAYED IN RAGING BATTLE WITH SEA MONSTERS FOR THE HUMAN PREY THAT LIES, UNWITTING, UPON THE DECK...



AAGH!

MEANWHILE...

I'VE BROUGHT YE THE QUARRY YE SEEK, SEA HAG... AND I TAKE BACK MY SOUL FER ANOTHER TWO CENTURIES! THAT AND THE GOLD YE PROMISED ME!

OH, N-NO! DON'T HAND ME OVER TO THAT... THAT MONSTROSITY!





AS JOYCE'S FRANTIC CRIES PENETRATE WALTER'S DAZED CONSCIOUSNESS---

WALTER! HELP! HELP!





COME ON, DARLING... WE'VE GOT TO WORK OUR WAY THROUGH THE DERELICT FLEET AWAY FROM HER! IF EVER SHE CATCHES UP WITH US... IT'S **CURTAINS!**



THERE'S... JUST ONE MORE SHIP TO GO! WHAT THEN, WALTER?

JUST HANG ON... AND **PRAY!**



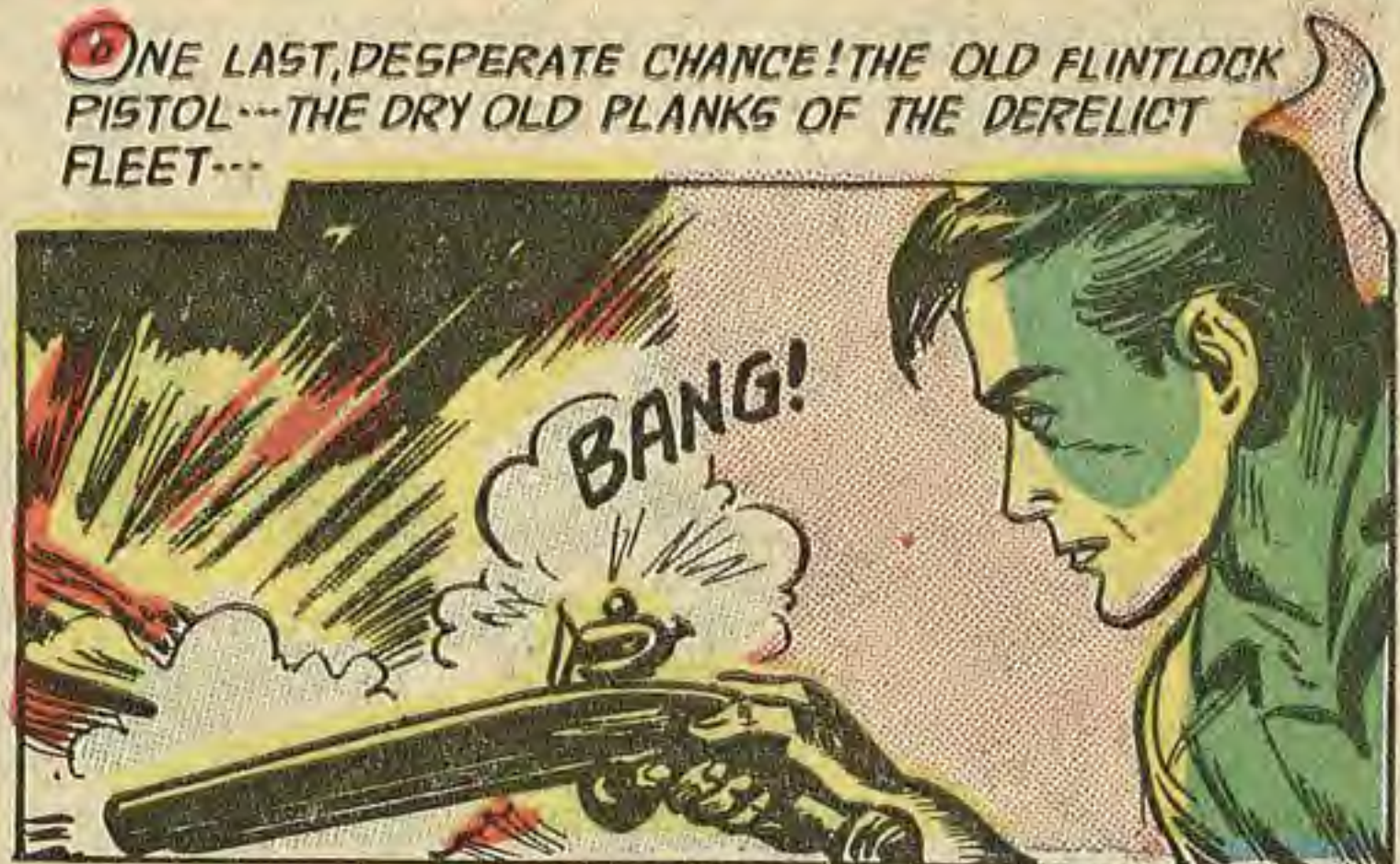
YES... THERE WAS NEED OF PRAYER...

THEY'RE HIDING ON **ONE** OF THESE OLD HULKS! COVER EVERY ONE OF THEM... SEARCH EVERYWHERE... **BUT FIND THEM!**



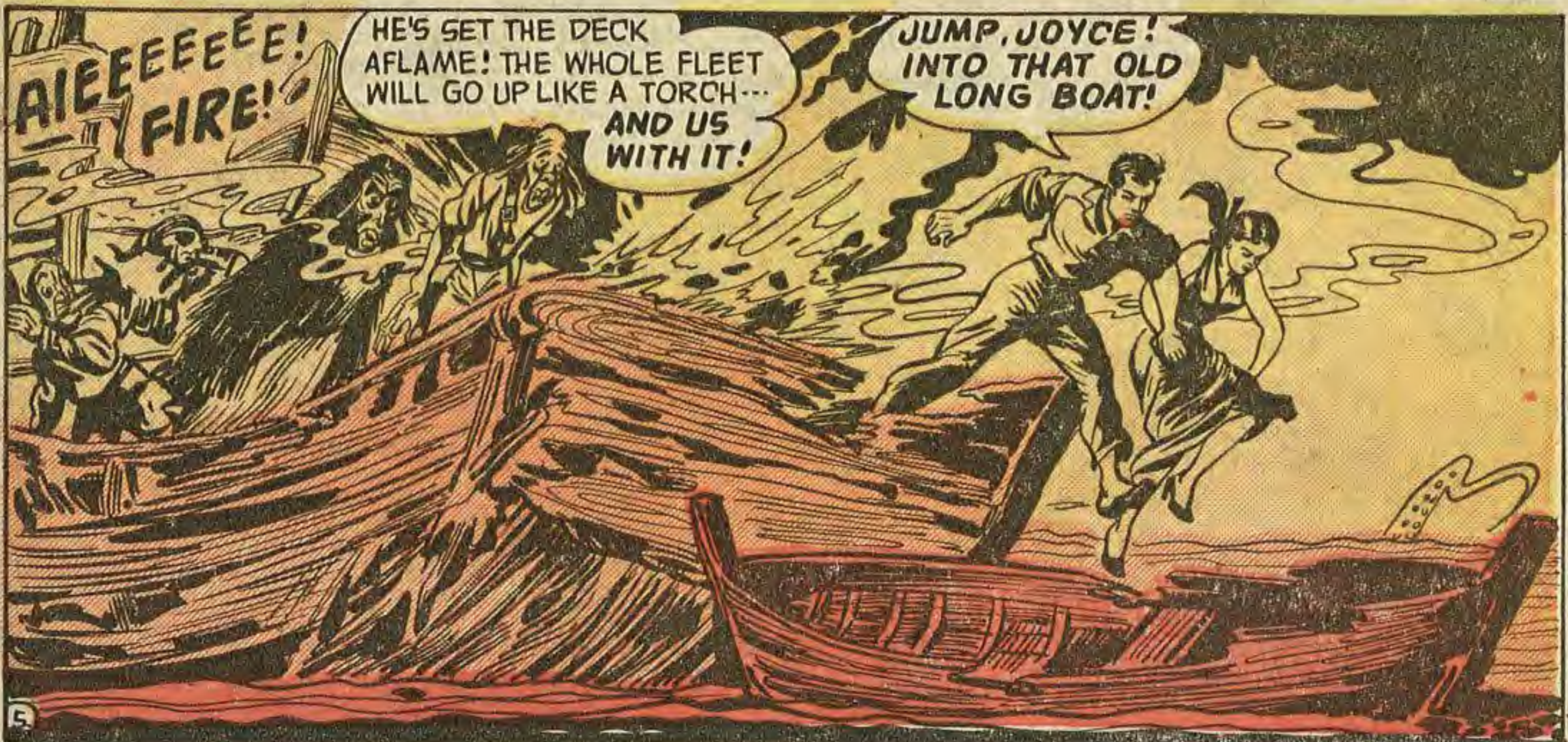
IT'S... NO USE! I'M SO TIRED... AND THERE'S NO PLACE TO GO BEYOND THIS!

AND HERE THEY **COME!** THERE'S JUST ONE LAST CHANCE...



ONE LAST, DESPERATE CHANCE! THE OLD FLINTLOCK PISTOL... THE DRY OLD PLANKS OF THE DERELICT FLEET...

BANG!



AIEEEEE! FIRE!

HE'S SET THE DECK AFLAME! THE WHOLE FLEET WILL GO UP LIKE A TORCH... AND US WITH IT!

JUMP, JOYCE! INTO THAT OLD LONG BOAT!

THE CRACKLING OF FIRE...THE HISS OF ALL-CONSUMING FLAMES! AND BLENDED WITH THESE DREAD SOUNDS, A HIDEOUS CHORUS OF EERIE SCREAMS...AS THE SEA HAG AND HER EVIL HORDE ARE CONSUMED!



IT WAS...**AWFUL!** BUT IF ONLY THIS OLD CRATE WILL STAY AFLOAT...

WALTER! COMING TO THE SURFACE THERE...
A SEA MONSTER!
AND IT'S SEEN US!



IT...IT'S **GONE**...ALMOST AS IF SOMETHING **FRIGHTENED** IT AWAY! WHAT COULD IT HAVE BEEN?

HEAR THAT ROARING? **AIR-PLANE ENGINES**...THAT'S WHAT SCARED IT OFF! BUT WE'RE **SINKING**...AND THE OCEAN'S ALIVE WITH **GIANT SQUIDS!**



A TRANSPORT PLANE...ATTRACTED BY THE FIRE...

IT'S NOTHING...JUST A BUNCH OF OLD HULKS BLAZING!

THAT'S NOT ALL! LOOK DOWN THERE! TWO PEOPLE IN A SINKING BOAT! TAKE HER DOWN!



WE FISHED 'EM OUT JUST IN TIME! WONDER WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT? MUST BE SOME KIND OF A STORY BEHIND IT ALL!

YOU AND YOUR IMAGINATION! JUST A COUPLA KIDS OUT IN A BOAT THAT SPRANG A LEAK, THAT'S ALL! **JUST ROUTINE!**



JUST ROUTINE...FOR THE TOSSING WEEDS HIDE WELL THEIR SECRET! ONLY A FEW CHARRED PLANKS REMAIN...THAT AND A HAND WHICH CLUTCHES AT NOTHINGNESS...**FOR THE DERELICT FLEET IS NO MORE!**



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The SPIDER

“**E**XACTLY WHAT IS a mutation, professor?”

The young handyman looked into the professor's eyes expectantly. He had had his job for only a week, and he was extremely anxious to appear interested in the professor's work. Walter thought the old man rather curious, always cooped up in his laboratory, which no one was allowed to enter. He wondered why the professor had given up his work at the university to pursue private research in such a remote house. No wonder his previous help had left so quickly. As for him, he found the job exciting, and he liked the professor a lot.

“Well,” said Professor Simms, “a mutation is one of those strange things which occur in nature which nobody understands. Every once in a while a creature is born which is completely different from its parents, so different as to be a new species. I'm working now on a process to create mutations at will. Think of it! Think of all the wonderful new species which we soon will be able to create in the laboratory! What a boon for mankind!”

“And that's what keeps you in your laboratory all day?”

“Yes. You see, I have had considerable success in my experiments. Just now I am observing the behavior of a completely new species of spider. I wonder, would you like to see it?”

Walter quickly assented, grateful to the professor for having shown him this sign of esteem.

The laboratory proved much larger than he expected, but there was no sign of a spider.

“I don't keep it here,” said Simms. “There's a trap door leading to a room below. *That's* where it is.”

The dank room below was even larger, and shrouded in darkness. Suddenly the professor snapped on the lights. Walter staggered back in horror, for there, against

the far corner of the room, was an immense web...with a spider half the size of a man occupying the center!

“It's...horrible!” gasped Walter, involuntarily flinching.

“Not at all,” said the professor, drawing him closer. “It's beautiful!”

There was something in the spider's luminous, beady eyes which fascinated Walter, drawing him closer to the web, against his wishes.

“Wh...What does it feed on?” he asked, at the same instant that he felt himself violently pushed from behind. In a moment he had careened headlong into the web, its sticky fibers holding him like thick, silken ropes!

“Professor!” he screamed. “Help! Cut me loose!”

“Sorry, Walter,” said the professor softly. “You see, the spider feeds on *human* prey. Not very sociable of course, but then, how can you blame an animal for its needs?”

Already the spider was stirring itself, its hideous head bobbing slightly. Now it was scurrying across the net...towards him! He fought frantically against the restraining bonds, but to no avail!

“Professor! No! Don't let it!”

“I'm terribly sorry, Walter,” continued the professor, “but you can see how much more important his life is than your worthless one. I'm sorry about the others too, the people who worked for me before you. They didn't leave, you know.”

Walter shrieked maniacally as the monstrous creature began circling him, spinning out more encompassing threads. He was bound tight now, unable to move a limb! In a moment, the creature's awful work would begin!

“Don't feel badly, Walter,” said the professor. “Remember that you're giving your life to science!”

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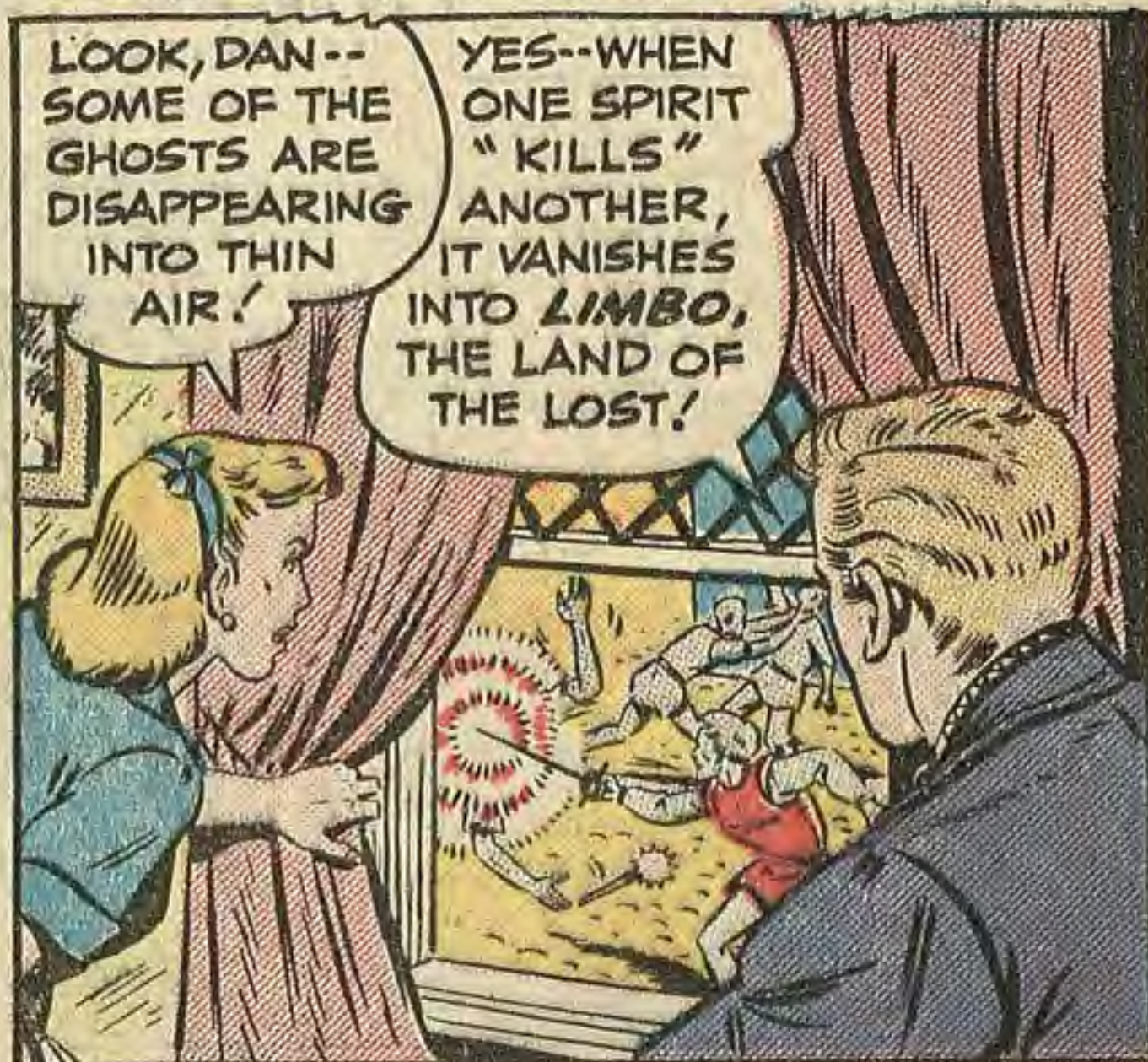




There took place a fantastic battle, with the two ghostly factions locked in deadly combat ---



From their window, Tess and Dan looked on with horrified fascination--



LOOK, DAN-- SOME OF THE GHOSTS ARE DISAPPEARING INTO THIN AIR!

YES--WHEN ONE SPIRIT "KILLS" ANOTHER, IT VANISHES INTO LIMBO, THE LAND OF THE LOST!

Outnumbered, the invaders fell back -- then fled --

FOLLOW, GHOSTS OF CORNISH -- BUT WE SHALL RETURN!

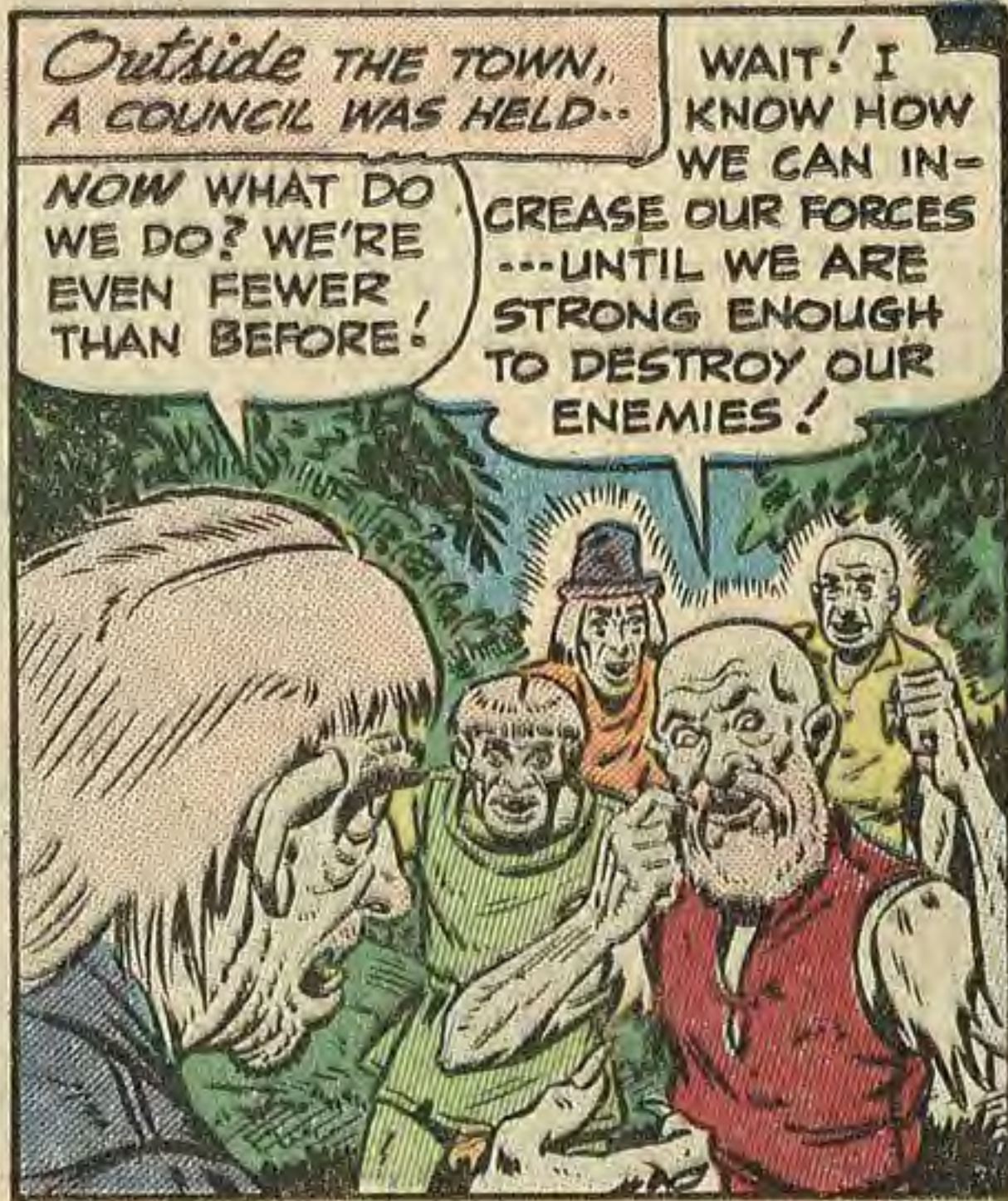


Outside the town, a council was held--

WAIT! I KNOW HOW WE CAN IN-

crease our forces -- UNTIL WE ARE STRONG ENOUGH TO DESTROY OUR ENEMIES!

NOW WHAT DO WE DO? WE'RE EVEN FEWER THAN BEFORE!



HOW? BY KILLING OFF THE INHABITANTS OF CHARLTON. THE INFERNAL LAWS DECREE THAT WHEN A MORTAL IS SLAIN BY A SPIRIT, THE NEW SPIRIT IS UNDER BONDAGE TO ITS SLAYER!



GOOD! WE'LL WIPE OUT THE WHOLE TOWN!



IT WAS THE BEGINNING OF A GRISLY WAR THAT THREATENED TO DESTROY THE TOWN OF CHARLTON--

ENOUGH! MY SPIRIT IS FREED-- I AM YOURS TO COMMAND!

HA! ANOTHER RECRUIT FOR OUR GROWING ARMY!

DIE, MORTAL!

ONE NIGHT, AS TESS AND DAN RETURNED FROM A VILLAGE MEETING--

CAN'T SOMETHING BE DONE ABOUT THESE HORRIBLE MURDERS?

THE PEOPLE ARE TOO SCARED TO TRY!

A MOMENT LATER, NIGHTMARE HORROR STRUCK--

LOOK OUT-- A GHOST, PATROL!

TWO MORE VICTIMS-- STRIKE!

LUCKILY THEY STOOD BENEATH A WILLOW TREE-- DAN BROKE OFF A BRANCH, AND--

GRANDFATHER ONCE TOLD ME THAT A WILLOW BRANCH IS THE BEST WEAPON AGAINST SPIRITS!

BACK-- QUICKLY, OR WE ARE LOST!

SNAP!

PURSUED BY THE VENGEFUL SPECTRES, THE COUPLE FOUGHT THEIR WAY BACK TO THE LIGHTED HOUSE--

GOSH! SAFE AT LAST!

THEY'RE COMING IN, AFTER US!

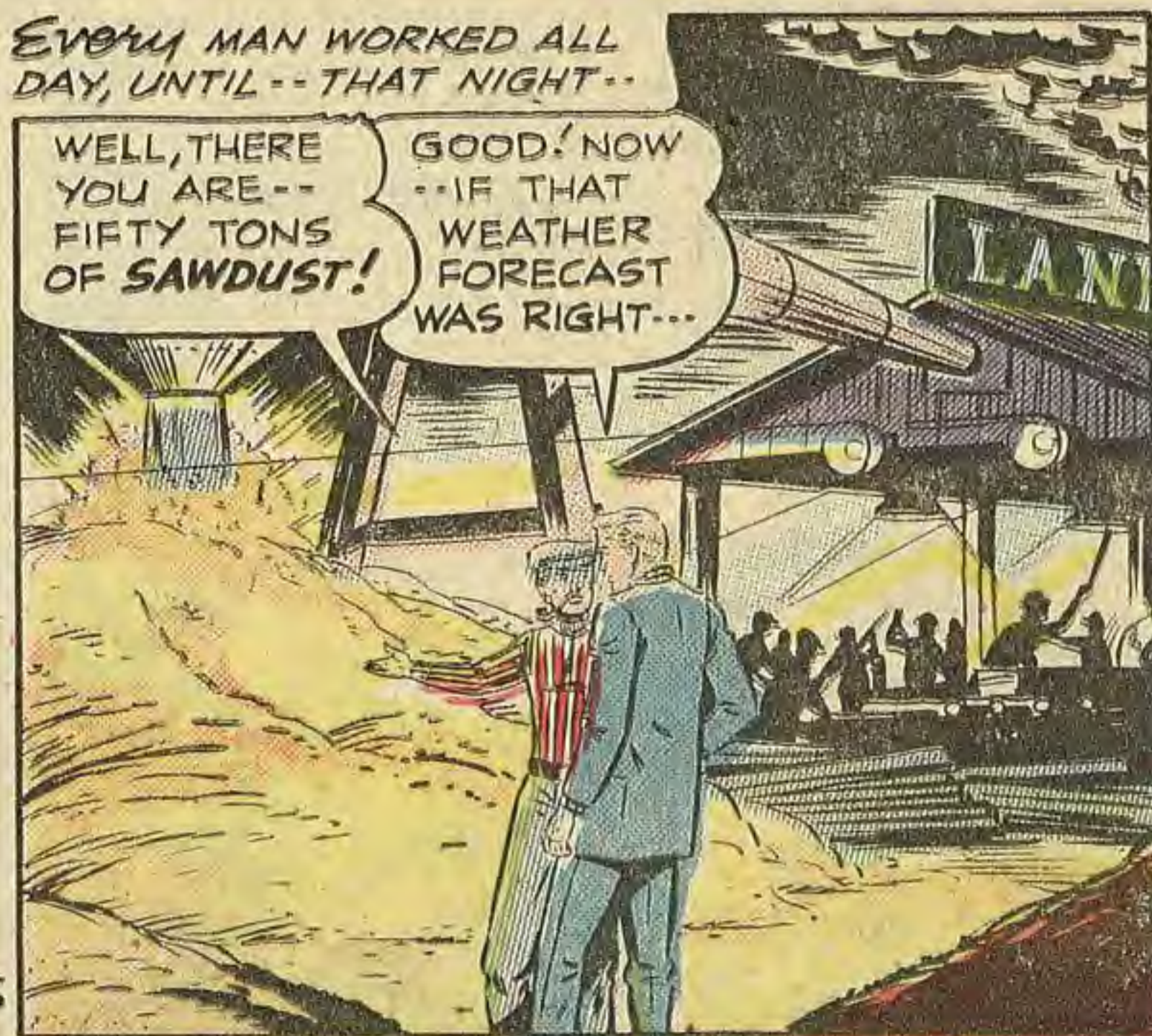
WE HAVE THEM NOW! THE WILLOW IS HARMFUL TO US ONLY IN THE DARK!

BUT-- EVEN AS DEATH DESCENDED UPON THEM, A MIRACULOUS HOPE APPEARED--

TO THE ATTACK! SEND THEM ALL TO LIMBO!

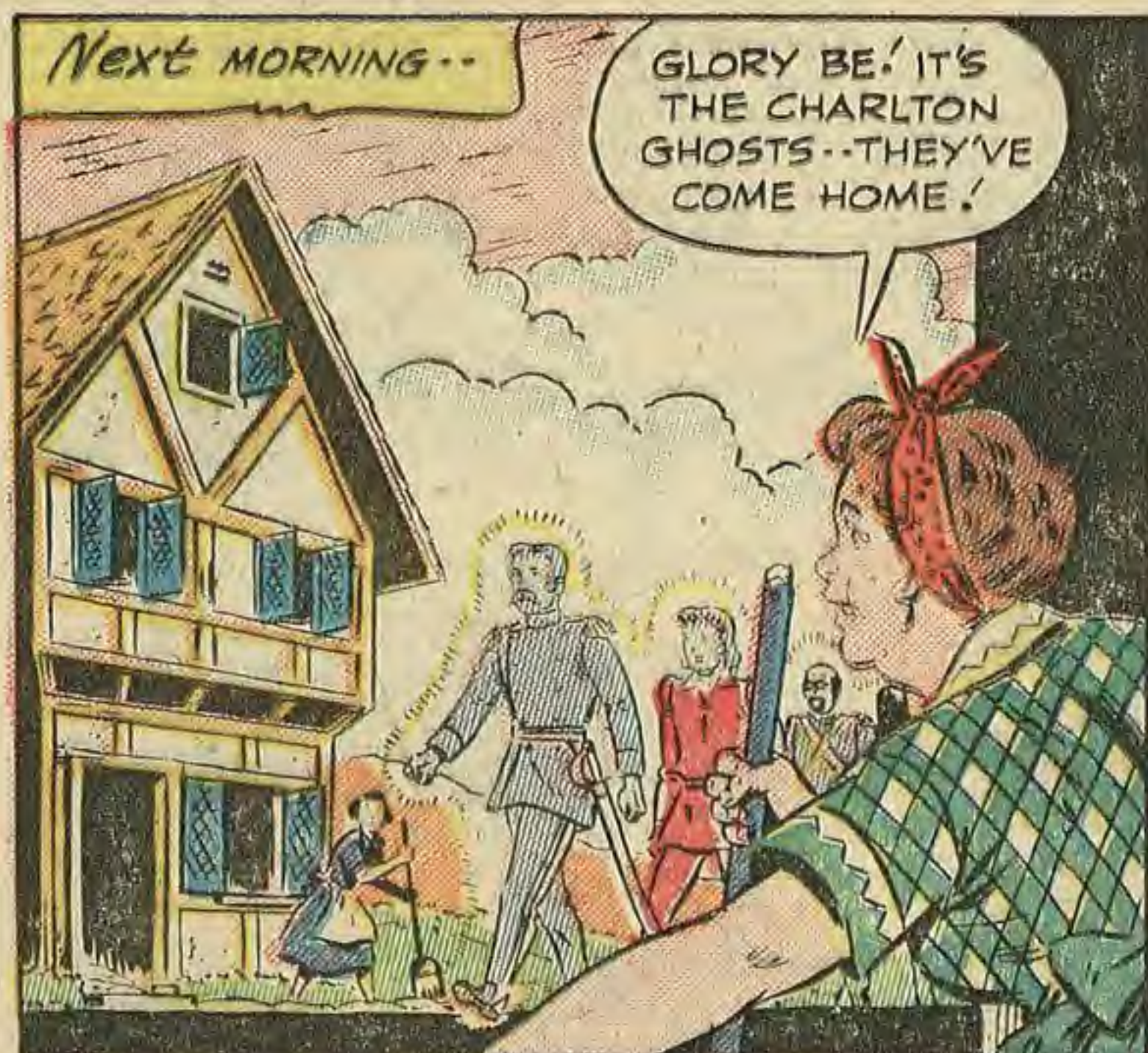
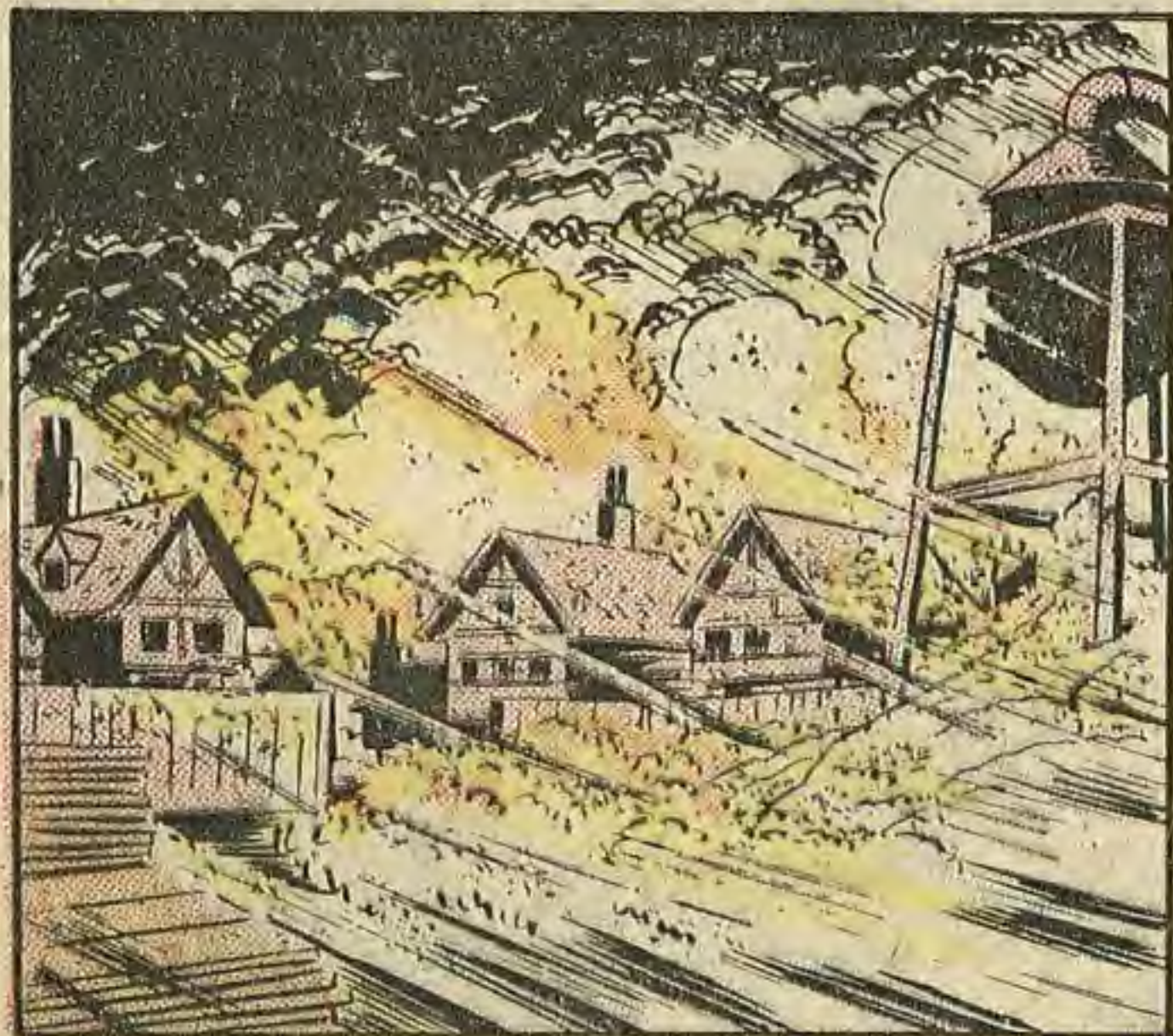
TESS-- IT'S THE SPIRIT OF MY GREAT-UNCLE AMBROSE-- AND ALL MY ANCESTORS!

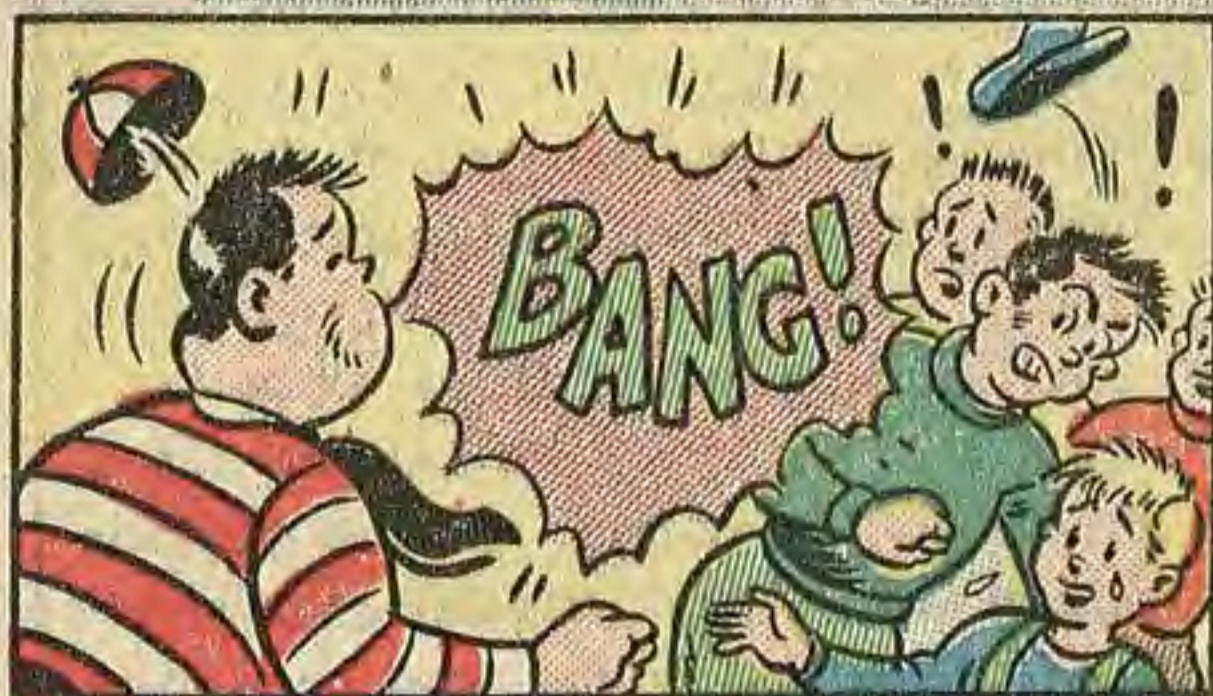
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In our present issue we feel that "The Derelict Fleet" is a yarn which will thrill everybody! Replete with chills and breathtaking suspense, it's one of the very best stories we've had in a long time. "The Ghost Invaders" is different too. For a spellbinding account of what happens when two opposing supernatural forces meet, don't miss it. In the electrifying pages of "The Plastic Monster" you'll find an unbelievable and terrifying menace springing to awful life. As for "The Grave Stealers!", the title itself suggests the weird and spine-tingling adventure which lies in store for you.

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"Dear Editor:-

I've always been an avid reader of fiction dealing with the supernatural, and 'Adventures Into The Unknown' is the only magazine which meets my taste standards! I look forward to each new issue...

--Dennis Murphy, Cromwell, Conn."

"Dear Editor:-

I have been a fan of 'Adventures Into The Unknown' for a long time. But of all your stories I thought last month's 'The Fury of the Dead' the best. Keep those stories coming.

--Alexandra Counsell, New York, N. Y."

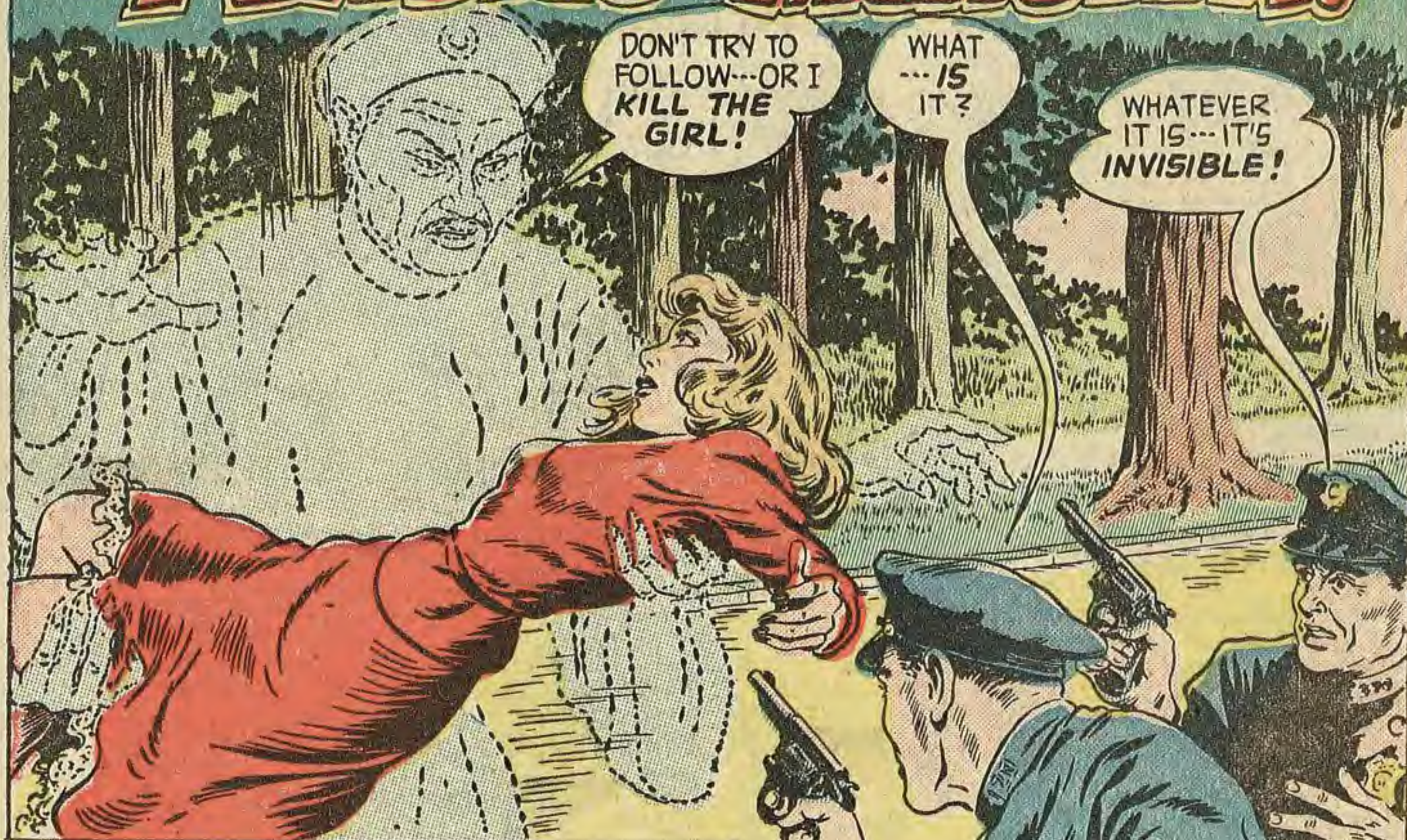
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As a great fan of supernatural stories I think your magazine 'Adventures Into The Unknown' is wonderful. I have read it for a long time and think you have the best supernatural magazine on the stands. Your stories are always new and different. I liked the story in your current issue, 'The Devil and Tommy Trent' best of all! Keep your wonderful magazine coming. A very happy fan,

--Jim Dennis, Sherburne, N. Y."

HERE'S A TALE OF CHILLING HORROR...OF A BRILLIANT AND EVIL MIND! GET SET FOR A THRILLING ADVENTURE INTO THE DREAD UNKNOWN...AS WE FOLLOW THE TERRIFYING CAREER OF...

The PLASTIC MONSTER!

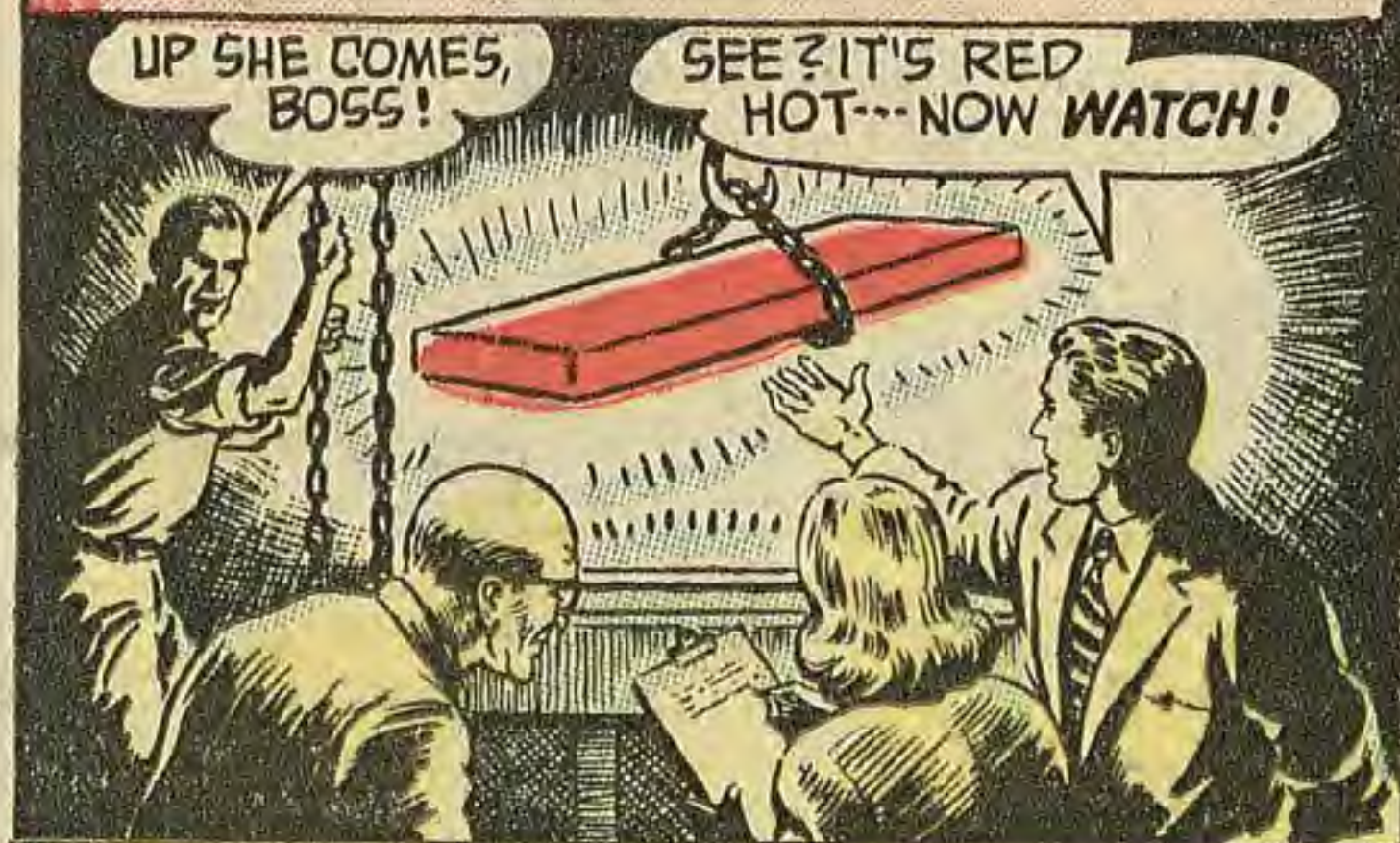


DON'T TRY TO FOLLOW...OR I KILL THE GIRL!

WHAT...IS IT?

WHATEVER IT IS...IT'S INVISIBLE!

IT WAS A RED LETTER DAY WHEN INVENTOR JERRY MILLS DEMONSTRATED A NEW TYPE PLASTIC...



UP SHE COMES, BOSS!

SEE? IT'S RED HOT...NOW WATCH!

A MOMENT LATER, THE SHEET OF PLASTIC COOLED...AND VANISHED!

THERE IT IS, DR. BRAUN...INVISIBLE PLASTIC!

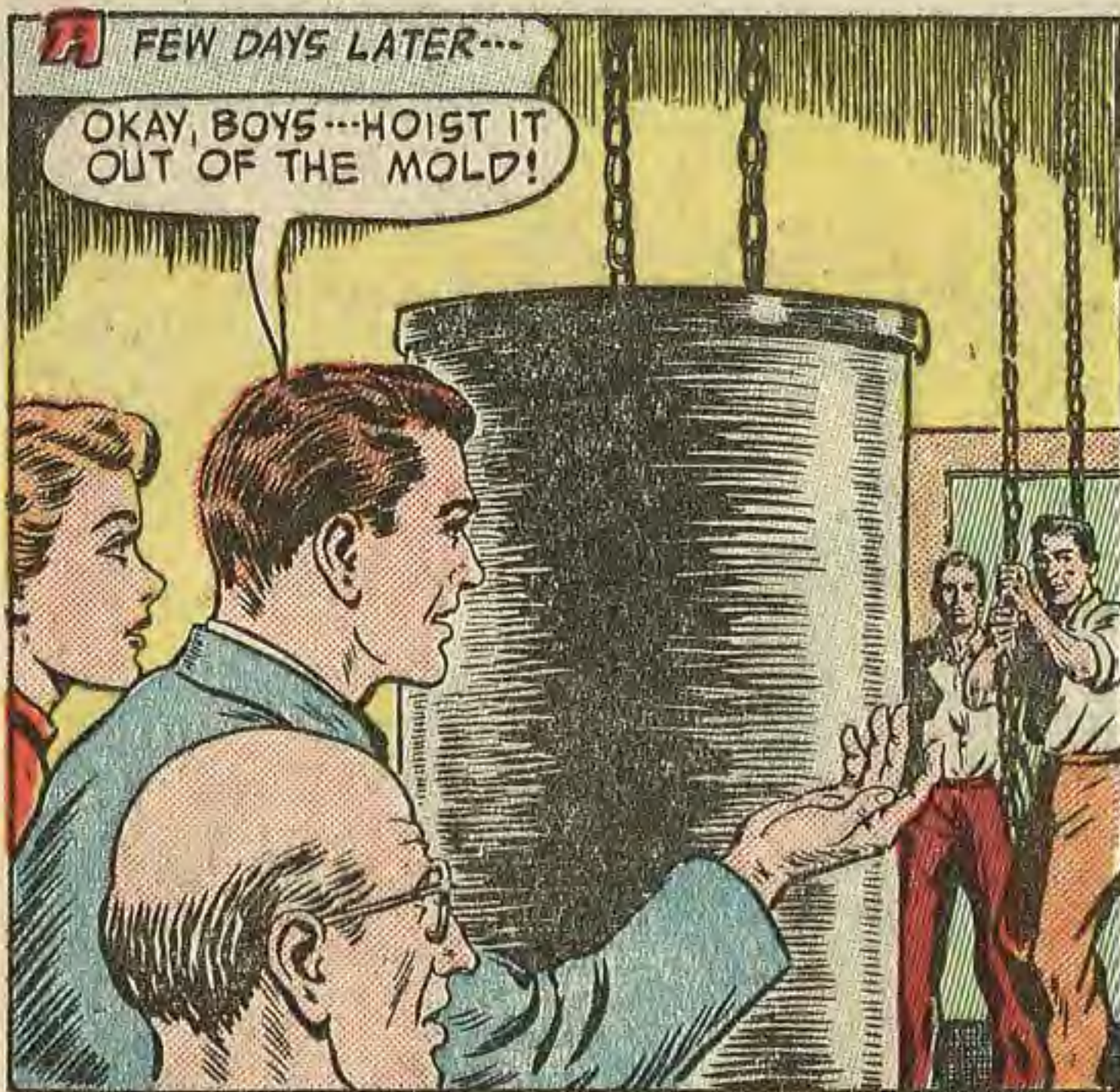
YOU WERE ALWAYS MY FAVORITE STUDENT, JERRY...NOW YOU'VE SUCCEEDED BRILLIANTLY!



I'D LIKE TO PLACE AN ORDER AT ONCE! CAN YOU MAKE THIS FOR ME?

ER...IT'S A STRANGE REQUEST, BUT...I GUESS WE CAN DO IT!





GUIDED BY THE FIENDISH MIND WITHIN IT, THE STATUE MOVED TOWARD THE DOOR...

MY PUNY BODY WILL BE SAFE HERE...UNTIL I WISH TO RETURN TO IT! MEANWHILE, I GO...AND **DEATH** SHALL FOLLOW IN MY WAKE!



AT THE HOME OF PROF. BENTON, FAMOUS PHYSICIST...

MY MOST HATED **RIVAL**... HE SHALL FEEL MY WRATH **FIRST!**



SO...YOU ONCE REFUSED ME A JOB...BECAUSE MY HEART WASN'T STRONG ENOUGH! HOW STRONG IS **YOUR** HEART, PROFESSOR?



...THEN, TO A BUTCHER SHOP IN ANOTHER PART OF TOWN...



...AND YOU...**YOU** CALLED ME A RUNT WHEN WE WERE BOYS TOGETHER! WHAT DO YOU SAY **NOW!**

THE MONSTER STRODE THROUGH THE HELPLESS CITY, VENTING DREADFUL REVENGE, UNTIL...

ENOUGH...FOR **NOW!** I SHALL RETURN TO MY BODY...AND NONE WILL EVER SUSPECT ME!



MEANWHILE, IN THE LABORATORY...THE DOCTOR'S MINDLESS BODY GLUMPED HELPLESS, WHILE A SPARK FLEW FROM THE FIREPLACE...



WHEN THE INVISIBLE STATUE REACHED THE LAB...

ANYBODY HURT?

ONLY DOC BRAUN...HE'S **BURNED TO A CRISP!**

THAT MEANS I... I CAN **NEVER** RETURN TO MY BODY! I MUST REMAIN WITHIN THIS STATUE... **FOREVER!**



NEXT MORNING, JERRY AND HIS ASSISTANT, FRAN, DISCUSSED THE NIGHT'S DREADFUL EVENTS...

I WONDER IF THERE'S ANY **CONNECTION** BETWEEN THESE TWO STORIES...



IN JERRY'S MIND, A FEARSOME SUSPICION WAS BORN...

DR. BRAUN WAS NOT ONLY A SCIENTIST, BUT AN EXPERT IN **DEMONOLOGY**! FURTHERMORE, ALL OF THE VICTIMS OF THE SLAYER WERE **ENEMIES** OF DR. BRAUN! HMM, MAYBE I CAN HELP THE POLICE...



THAT NIGHT THE MAD KILLER STRUCK AGAIN... AND JERRY VOICED HIS THEORY...

BUT HOW COULD A **DEAD MAN** HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH **THIS**?

MAYBE DR. BRAUN **ISN'T** DEAD!



BUT NEARBY, AN UNSEEN APPARITION LURKED, LISTENED...

THE YOUNG MEDDLER **SUSPECTS!** I MUST STOP HIM... **NOW!**



THEN, FROM THE SHADOWS...

THE GIRL WILL MAKE A VALUABLE **HOSTAGE!**

JERRY... **WHAT IS IT?** THAT VOICE... FROM **NOWHERE!**

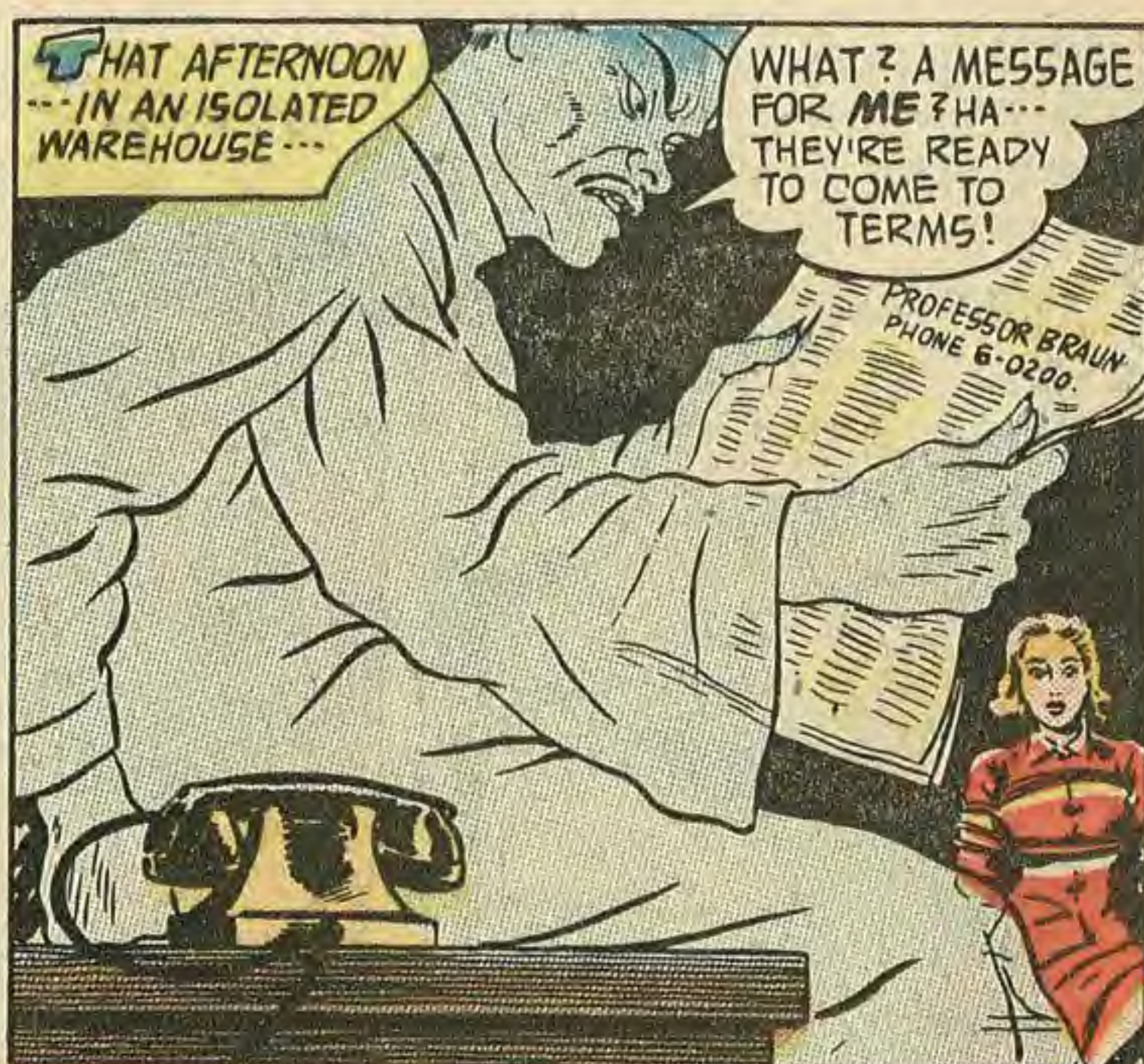


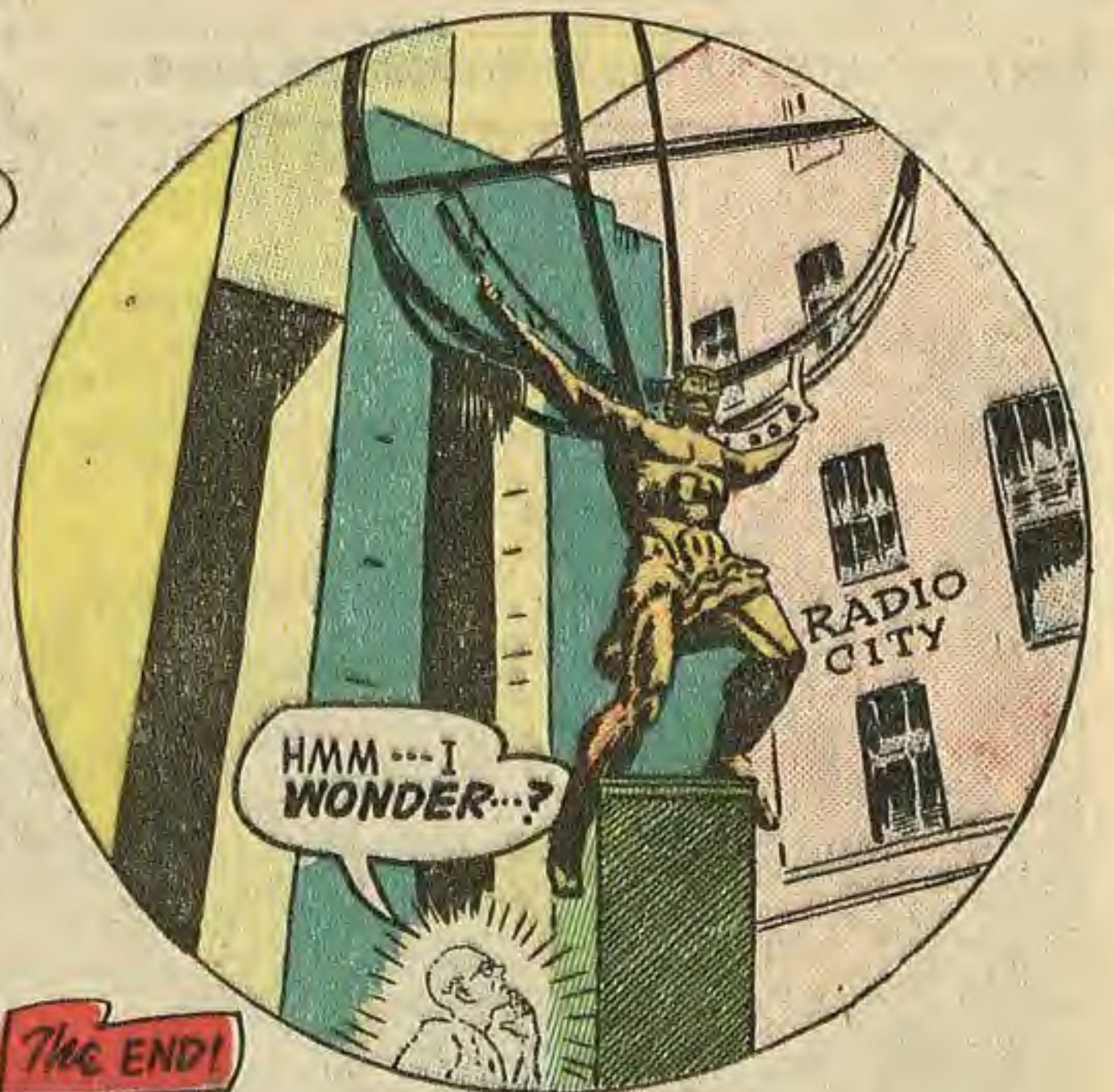
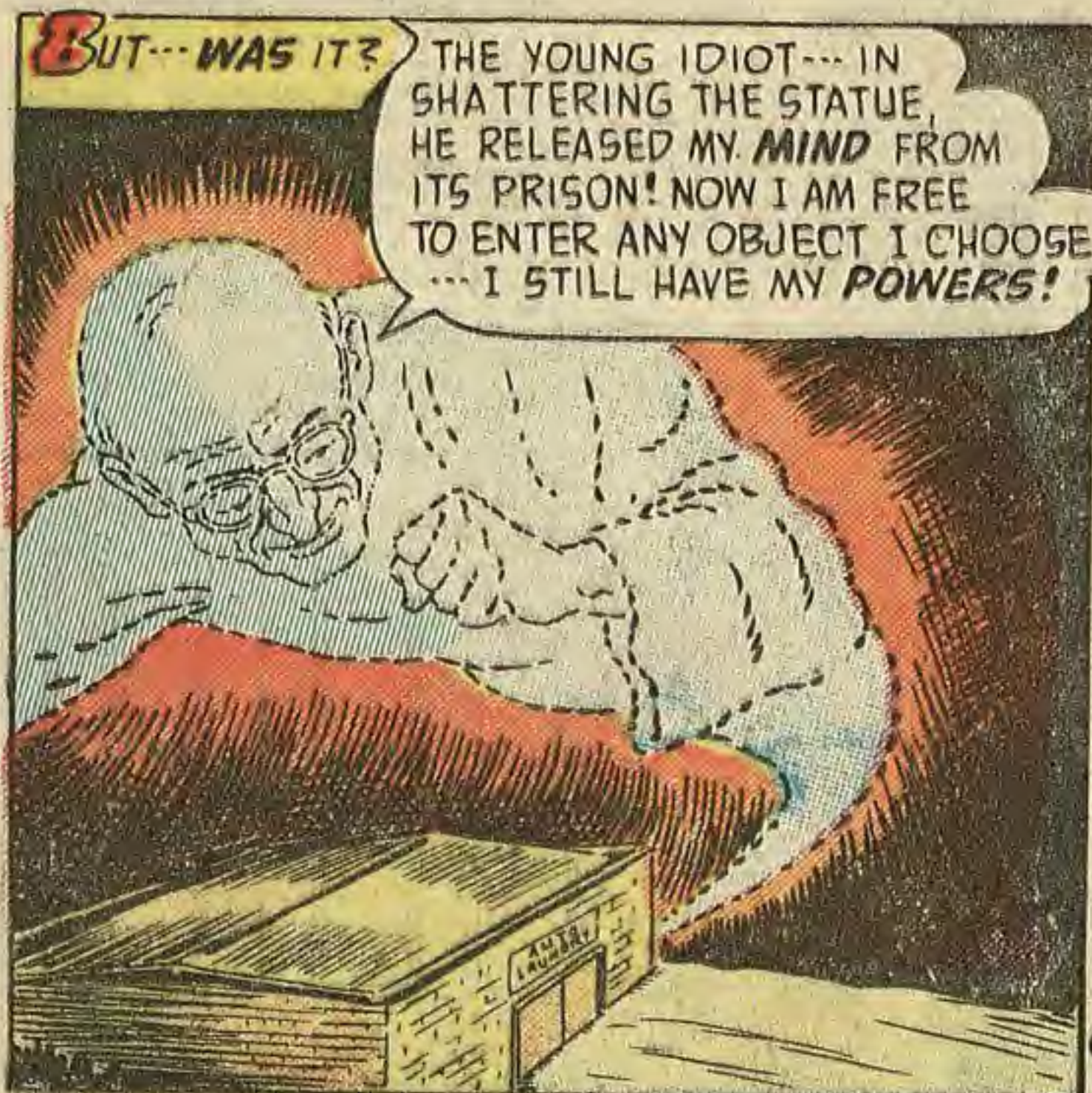
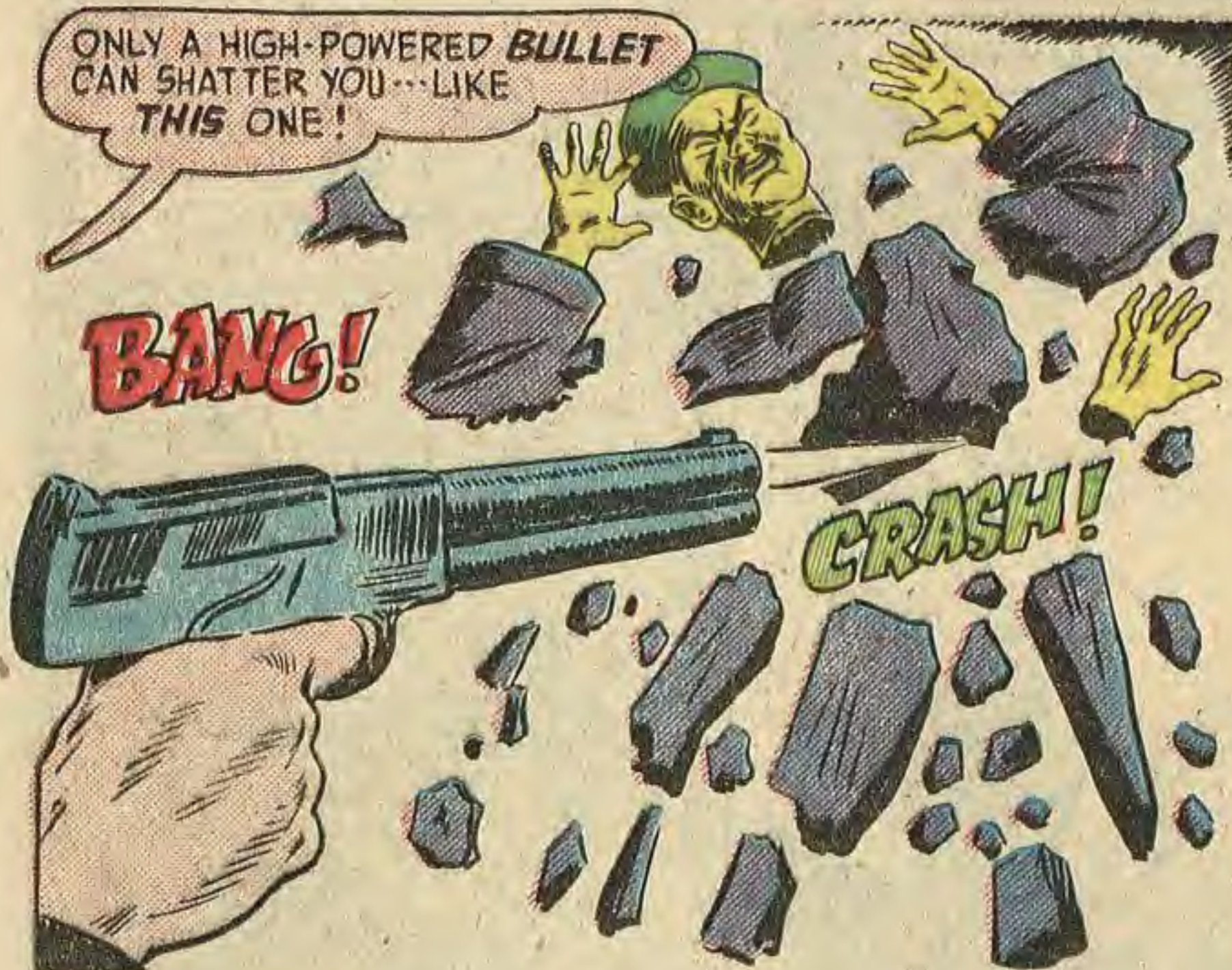
HIS INVISIBLE ARMS SEIZED FRAN...

WHAT THE...! SHE'S FLOATING AWAY... IN THIN AIR!

STAND BACK... OR SHE **DIES!**







THE END!

THROUGH HYPNOTIC SPELLS THEY WOVE THE FABRIC OF THEIR EVIL DESIGN, AND WHEN ONE FELL VICTIM THERE WAS NO ESCAPE FROM...

The GRAVE STEALERS!



IN A NATIVE HUT, ON A SMALL ISLAND IN THE VAST CARIBBEAN SEA...

YOU'RE DOING FINE, BOBOA! YOU'LL SOON BE FISHING AGAIN!

THANKS TO YOU, GREAT HEALER! IF NOT FOR YOU, OLD BABOA WOULD BE LONG DEAD!



GIVE HIM ANOTHER SHOT, MARSHA, AND MAKE CERTAIN HE HAS ENOUGH VITAMING TILL OUR NEXT TRIP IN! I'LL MEET YOU IN THE JEEP!

RIGHT, GREG!





LATE THAT NIGHT, IN THE WARD OF THE TINY HOSPITAL...

MIGHT AS WELL TURN IN, HONEY! YOU'VE BEEN AT IT TWELVE HOURS NOW!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, GREG! YOU FINISH UP IN THE LAB, WHILE I TACKLE THESE REPORTS!

WHEN GREG LEAVES...

FUNNY... I GUESS I'M MORE TIRED THAN I THINK! EVERYTHING'S BECOMING... **SO BLURRY...**

WITH STARTLING SPEED...

GREG... MMFFFFFFF...

AS THE TERRIFIED GIRL FAINTS...

REMEMBER THE MASTER'S **COM-MAND!** SHE IS NOT TO BE HARMED... **YET!**

IN THE ZOMBIE'S LAIR...

YOU ARE A PRISONER OF THE **LIVING DEAD**... THUS, STRUGGLE IS **USELESS!** SOON, THE WORK YOUR HUSBAND HAS TAKEN MONTHS TO ACCOMPLISH WILL BE **DESTROYED**... AND **YOU** WILL **HELP** US IN OUR CAUSE!

NEVER! NOT IF MY LIFE DEPENDED ON IT!

BUT YOU ARE **HELPLESS!** ALREADY YOUR WILL **WEAKENS!** YOU HAVE NO CHOICE... BUT TO **OBEY!**

H... HIS EYES... THEY BURN SO! MY BRAIN... KEEPS SWIMMING AROUND AND AROUND! C... CAN'T... FIGHT IT...

NOW YOU WILL RETURN TO THE HOSPITAL! FOLLOW MY INSTRUCTIONS... **EXACTLY!**

I HEAR YOUR WORDS... AND I OBEY!







THERE NEVER **WAS** A SPELL!
BUT NOW---A LITTLE SPELL
OF MY **OWN**!



AII-III! ARGHHH!

PHISS

SSSSSSSS!



AN EXTRA DOSE
FOR **YOU**, PAL!

TH--THE JUICE
(CHOKE!) OF THE
DREADED **GENISTA**
PLANT! ONE BREATH
TO US MEANS--
ARGHHHH!



AS THE ZOMBIE MASTER DIES, MARSHA'S SPELL IS
BROKEN---

G---GREG---DARLING!
WHAT HAPPENED?
W--WHERE AM I?

YOU'RE **SAFE**, DARLING
---THAT'S ALL THAT
COUNTS!



BUT YOU
DRANK THE
WATER!

NO, I MERELY **PRETENDED** TO---AND
THEN I PUT ON THE PHONY HYPNOTISM
ACT! THE REST WAS EASY! OLD BOBOA
ONCE TOLD ME ABOUT THE **GENISTA**
PLANT! IT WAS A GAMBLE, BUT IT
WORKED!



LATER, WHEN GREG EXPLAINS---

THEN YOU
NEVER WERE
UNDER THEIR
SPELL?

WHEN I SNIFFED THAT BOTTLE YOU
DROPPED---I GOT SUSPICIOUS!
SO I FOLLOWED YOU AND OVER-
HEARD YOUR CONVERSATION WITH THE
ZOMBIE---WHEN HE GAVE YOU THAT
CAPSULE TO PUT IN MY WATER!



YOU'RE
WONDERFUL,
DARLING! I **SAID**
NOTHING CAN STOP
US!

YOU'RE RIGHT, MARSHA!
IF THOSE CREEPS
COULDN'T, **NOTHING**
WILL!

The END!

DREAM ON!

SUPPOSE YOU WERE JOHNNY GREEN, A DREAMER, A MAN WHO ESCAPED FROM LIFE'S REALITIES BY CONTINUALLY HIDING IN THE DREAM CASTLES OF HIS FEVERISH BRAIN! SUPPOSE YOU WERE SEATED IN THE LOCAL TAVERN WHEN THIS LITTLE MAN STEPPED UP BEFORE YOU AND SAID---

MR. GREEN, I PRESUME? DO YOU MIND IF I HAVE A WORD WITH YOU?

IF YOU'RE A BILL COLLECTOR, YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME! I AIN'T GOT A DIME IN MY POCKET!



I KNOW YOU HAVEN'T ANY **MONEY**, JOHNNY --- BUT YOU HAVE A HEAD FULL OF **DREAMS**! IT'S A PITY THAT NONE OF THEM HAVE EVER COME TRUE!

SAY, WAIT A MINUTE! HOW WOULD YOU KNOW THAT--- AND MY NAME, TOO?



I KNOW LOTS OF THINGS, JOHNNY, BUT I'LL COME RIGHT TO THE POINT! WHAT IF YOUR DREAMS **WERE** TO COME TRUE? WOULDN'T THAT MAKE YOU HAPPY?

IT SURE WOULD--- BUT SO WHAT? WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS THE CRAZIEST TALK I EVER HEARD!



THINK SO? ALL YOU NEED SAY IS YES, AND YOUR DREAMS **WILL** COME TRUE! AND BECAUSE IT'S YOU, JOHNNY, I ATTACH NO STRINGS TO MY BARGAIN! WHAT DO YOU SAY?

YES--- BUT I STILL SAY YOU'RE CRAZIER THAN A LOON!



SUDDENLY, A DAZZLING SPURT OF LIGHT--- AND BEFORE HIS STARTLED EYES---

H--- HE'S **GONE**! I--- I MUST'VE BEEN **DREAMING** AGAIN!



SO JOHNNY WENT HOME TO BED, AND FOR ONCE HIS NAGGING WIFE'S WORDS HAD LITTLE EFFECT UPON HIM...



SO NOW YOU'RE NOT EVEN TALKING! YOU'RE SATISFIED TO SIT THERE, NOT EVEN CARING WHERE OUR NEXT MEAL WILL COME FROM!

MAYBE I'LL DREAM SOMETHING UP!

THE FOLLOWING MORNING...

THAT DREAM I HAD WHILE I SLEPT... ABOUT ALL THAT MONEY! IT SEEMED SO **REAL**! MORE THAN ANY OF THE OTHERS!



BUT AT THAT MOMENT...

JOHNNY, COME QUICKLY! HURRY!



L...LOOK, JOHNNY... THIS **MONEY!** C...CALL THE POLICE!

NO! IT'S THE DREAM I HAD! THE TABLE WAS LOADED WITH MONEY, JUST THE WAY IT IS! HE WAS **RIGHT!** IT DID COME TRUE... **IT DID!**



SO JOHNNY EXPLAINED ALL ABOUT THE LITTLE MAN... AND WHEN HE WAS THROUGH...

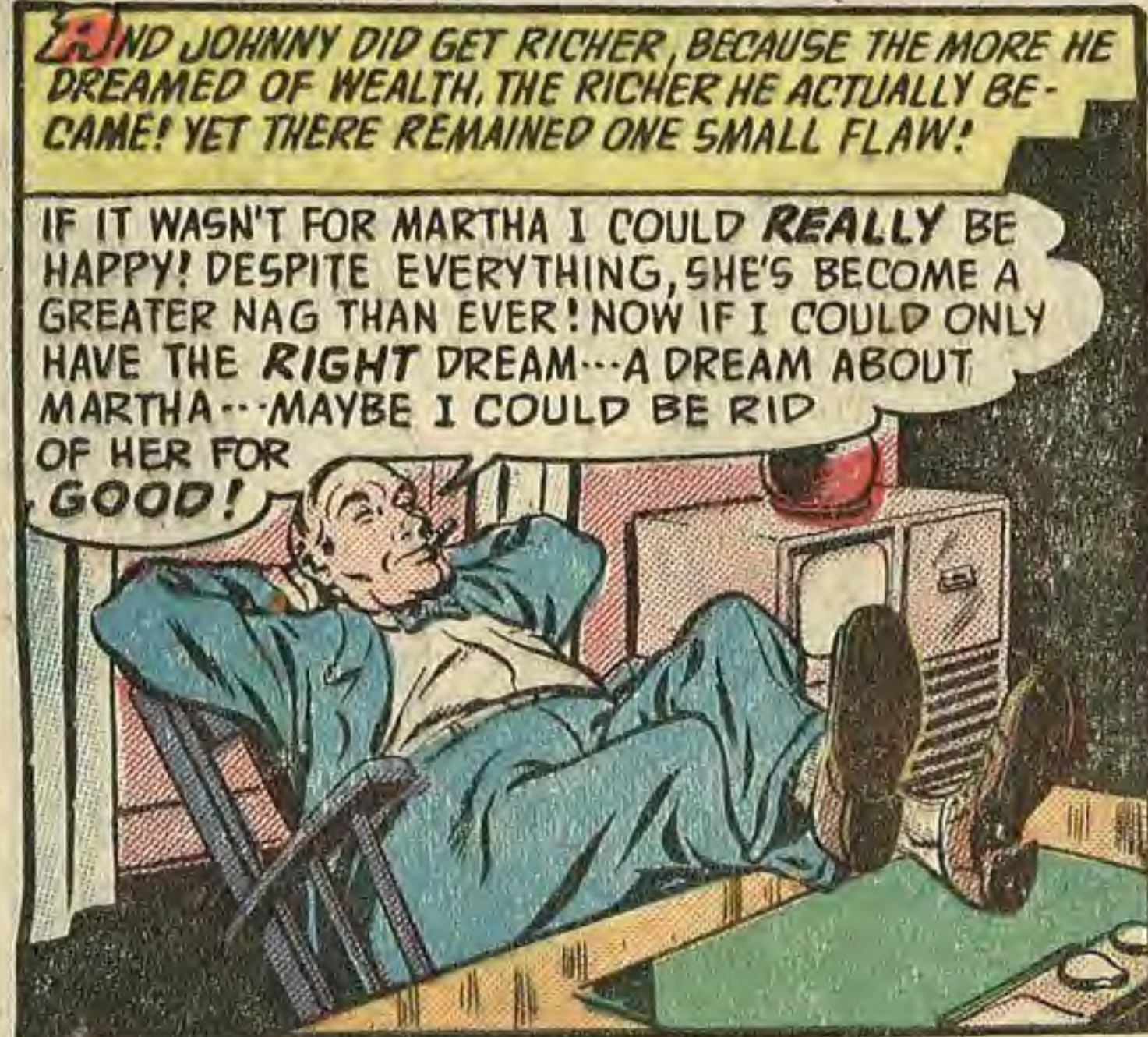
SO **THAT'S** IT! YOU **FOOL**, DON'T YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU'VE DONE? YOU'VE BARGAINED WITH THE **DEVIL** AND HE CAN CLAIM YOU AS HIS OWN! YOU'VE GOT TO RETURN THIS MONEY BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

I WOULDN'T KNOW WHERE TO RETURN IT, BUT I **WOULDN'T** EVEN IF I COULD! I'M **RICH, RICH...** AND I'LL GET **RICHER YET!**



AND JOHNNY DID GET RICHER, BECAUSE THE MORE HE DREAMED OF WEALTH, THE RICHER HE ACTUALLY BECAME! YET THERE REMAINED ONE SMALL FLAW!

IF IT WASN'T FOR MARTHA I COULD **REALLY** BE HAPPY! DESPITE EVERYTHING, SHE'S BECOME A GREATER NAG THAN EVER! NOW IF I COULD ONLY HAVE THE **RIGHT** DREAM... A DREAM ABOUT MARTHA... MAYBE I COULD BE RID OF HER FOR **GOOD!**



AND WHEN HE NEXT AWOKE...

THE DREAM! IT **WAS** ABOUT MARTHA! IT HAPPENED SUDDENLY! SHE CALLED OUT TO ME AND...



IT DID HAPPEN! A HEART ATTACK---JUST LIKE IN THE DREAM! I'M RID OF HER---RID OF HER AT LAST!



SO THE GOOD DAYS BEGAN FOR JOHNNY! IN THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOWED, IT WAS A CONTINUOUS ROUND OF FUN MAKING AND PRETTY FACES---

IT TAKES MY BREATH AWAY, JOHNNY! IT'S THE DREAM- IEST THING I'VE EVER SEEN!

DREAMY IS THE WORD FOR IT, BABY---ONLY YOU'LL NEVER KNOW WHY!



AND AT NIGHT, HIS HOME WAS A HAVEN OF BLISSFUL PEACE---

NOW I'M REALLY LIVING! WITH MARTHA GONE, IT'S BEEN JUST PLAIN WONDERFUL--- FROM THE MOMENT I GET UP UNTIL I'M READY FOR BED!



AND SO HE WENT TO BED, WHERE SLEEP CAME QUICKLY, GENTLY AND DELICIOUSLY---



BUT ALONG TOWARDS MIDNIGHT, HE AWOKE WITH A START---HIS FACE A MASK OF TERROR---

I---I'VE HAD A DREAM--- A HORRIBLE NIGHTMARE! BUT I DON'T REMEMBER IT! AND YET IT SEEMED SO REAL!



IT IS REAL, JOHNNY!

N---NO... NO!

MARTHA! WHY HAVE YOU--- COME BACK?

THINK, JOHNNY--- THE DREAM YOU CAN'T RECALL! YOU DREAMT THAT I CAME BACK FROM THE GRAVE TO SEEK MY REVENGE--- AND I HAVE!



BECAUSE YOUR DREAMS ALWAYS COME TRUE!

ARGHHHHH!



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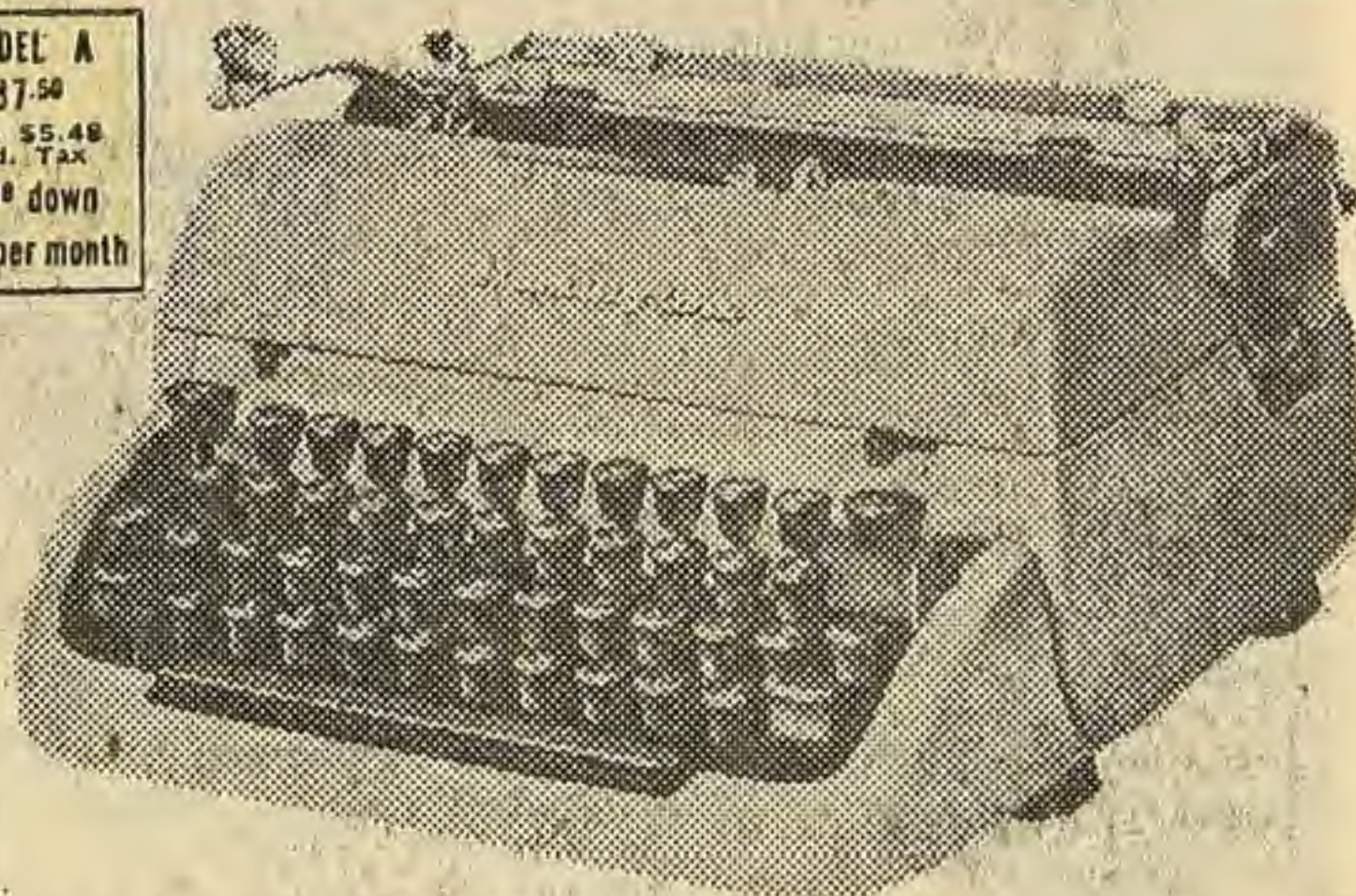
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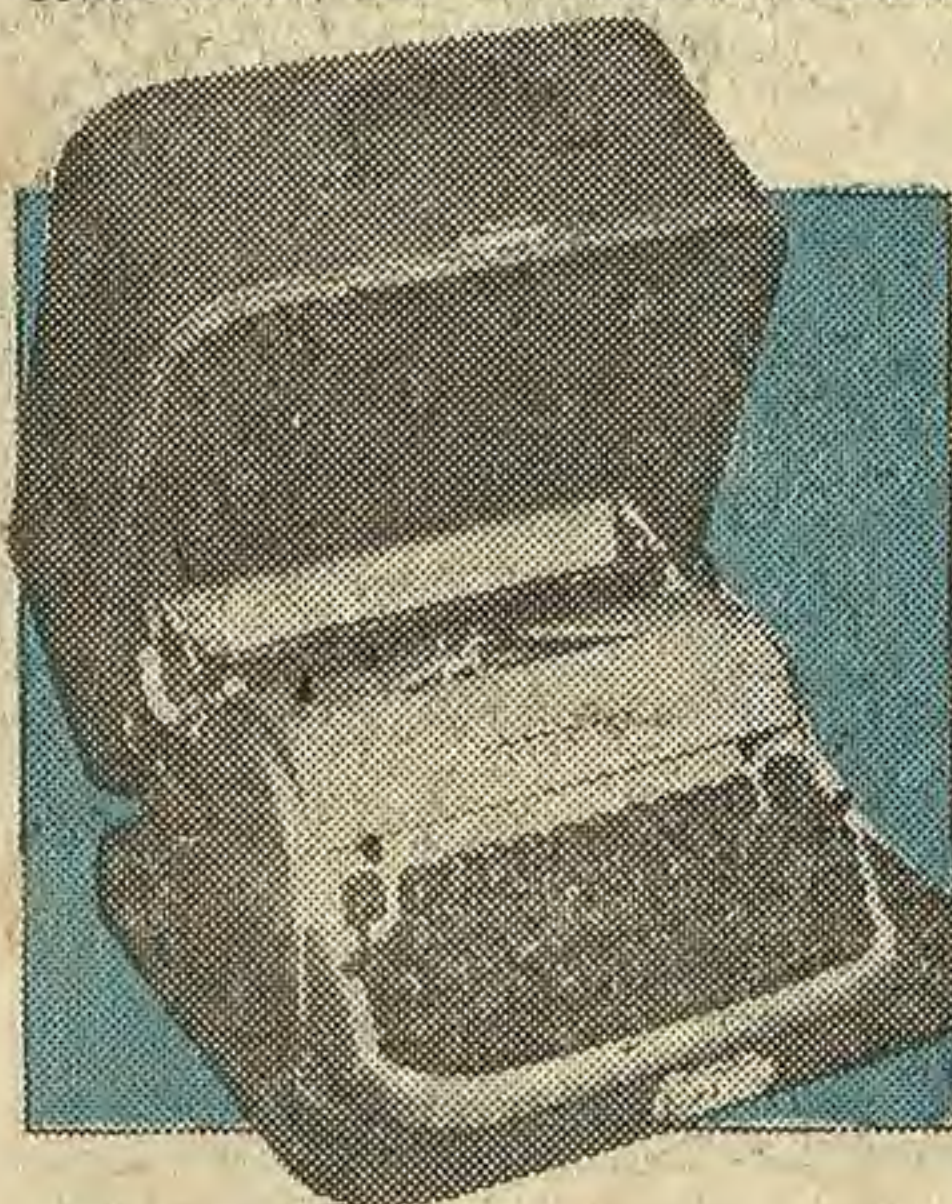


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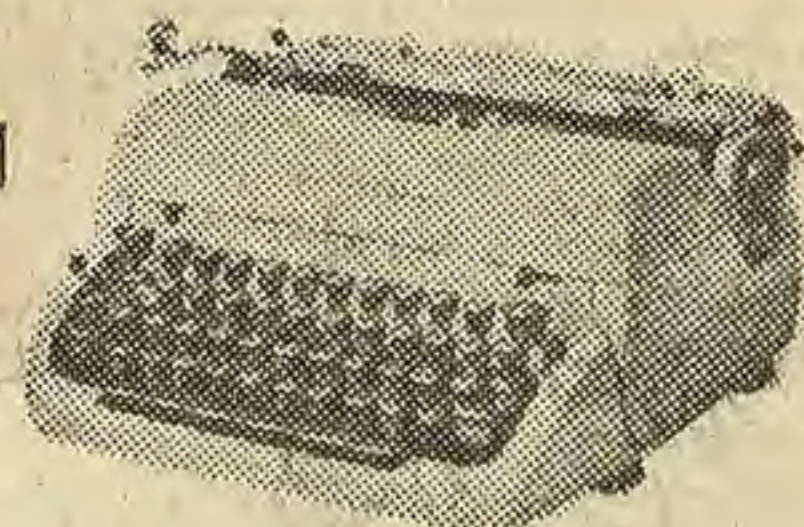
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